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ISLAMABAD AND PEKING FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY.

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ISRAELI POSITION RE NOVEMBER 10 MEETING.

SUMMARY. ABBA EBAN INFORMED US 10:40 P.M. NOVEMBER 9
ISRAELIS NOT PLANNING TO ATTEND NOVEMBER 10 MEETING AT
KM 109 SINCE THEY WOULD BE OBSERVING JEWISH SABBATH. EBAN
SAID THEY PLANNING TO SIGN AGREEMENT ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11.
END SUMMARY.

1. ISRAELI PRESS ATTACHE YACOV MORRIS SPOKE WITH
AMBASSADOR SCALI ABOUT 10:00 P.M. NOVEMBER 9 SAYING HE WAS
TALKING IN BEHALF FOREIGN MINISTER EBAN. HE TOOK POSITION
EGYPTIAN EXCITEMENT IN REPORTED REFTEL WAS OUTDATED AND
THAT ISRAELI/EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT WORKED OUT BY DR. KISSINGER
WAS ON SCHEDULE. MORRIS SAID NOV. 10 SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT
WOULD NOT TAKE PLACE "BECAUSE OF SABBATH."

2. BENNETT FOLLOWED UP WITH ABBA EBAN ON SCALI'S
REQUEST AND TALKED WITH HIM AT 10:40 P.M. EBAN ALSO TOOK
POSITION EGYPTIAN APPROACH TO SYG BASED ON EARLIER
SITUATION AND ALREADY OUT OF DATE. EBAN SAID THAT
THERE HAD BEEN CONTINUING CONTACTS BETWEEN HIS PRIME
MINISTER AND DR. KISSINGER AND THAT HE AND HIS PEOPLE
WERE IN TOUCH WITH WASHINGTON AUTHORITIES, INCLUDING
WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS.

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3. EBAN TOOK POSITION EGYPTIANS WERE TRYING TO
RE-WRITE AGREEMENT BEFORE IT HAD BEEN SIGNED. HE SAID
IN MATTER OF FACT TONE THAT ISRAELIS WOULD FO COURSE
NOT ATTEND SCHEDULED MEETING OF NOVEMBER 10 BECAUSE THEY

WOULD BE OBSERVING SABBATH. THEY PLAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT
ON NOVEMBER 11.
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